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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/749,881	Applicant(s) DISTEFANO ET AL.	
	Examiner Terrell L. McKinnon	Art Unit 3753	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/15/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-16,19-22 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-16,19-22 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/31/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-16, 20-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hood, III et al. (U.S. 6,837,063) in view of Houle et al. (U.S. 2005/00068725).

Hood discloses a cooling system for computers comprising all of the applicant's claimed and disclosed limitations of the instant invention (column 5, lines 54-67).

Hood's invention discloses all of the claimed limitations from above except for both the active cooling component and the passive cooling component are capable of cooling at the same time; and the active cooling component including liquid metal cooling, and wherein the liquid coolant is liquid metal.

3. However, Houle teaches the use of an active cooling component includes liquid metal cooling, and wherein the liquid coolant is liquid metal (sections [0062] and [0052]).

Given the teachings of Houle, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the cooling system of Hood with both the active cooling component and the passive cooling component are capable of cooling at

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the same time; the active cooling component includes liquid metal cooling, and wherein the liquid coolant is liquid metal.

Doing so would provide thermally efficient cooling fluids for transferring heat to heat radiators.

4. Claims 12, 13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hood, III et al. (U.S. 6,837,063) in view of Houle et al. (U.S. 2005/00068725) as applied to claims above, and further in view of Suzuki (U.S. 6,105,662).

Hood's invention, as modified by Houle, discloses all of the claimed limitations from above except for a second device capable of generating heat, wherein the second device is to be cooled using a second heat pipe; an evaporation end of the second heat pipe is coupled to the second device, and wherein a condensation end of the second heat pipe is coupled to the heat exchanger.

5. However, Suzuki teaches the use of cooling multiple devices using a second heat pipe; an evaporation end of the second heat pipe is coupled to a second device, and wherein a condensation end of the second heat pipe is coupled to the heat exchanger.

Given the teachings of Suzuki, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the cooling device of Hood with a second device capable of generating heat, wherein the second device is to be cooled using a second heat pipe; an evaporation end of the second heat pipe is coupled to the second device, and wherein a condensation end of the second heat pipe is coupled to the heat exchanger.

Doing so would provide an alternative cooling structure for cooling multiple heat generating devices.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terrell L. Mckinnon whose telephone number is 571-272-4797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Blau can be reached on 571-272-4406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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